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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal. This Amendment is in response to the communication from the Examiner dated January 17, 2001 (Paper No. 8). A shortened statutory period for response of three months was set. With this Amendment, Applicant has filed a Request for Extension of Time, requesting a three-month extension of the due date to July 17, 2001. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Please enter the following amendment in the above-referenced application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs of the application identified below, as originally filed, with the replacement paragraphs that are set forth in clean form below. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1). Attached to this Preliminary Amendment on separate pages are versions of the replacement